IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 3316 OF 2004

Rajaram Rambhau Yede & Ors..... Petitioners.

Versus

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.& Ors. ..... Respondents.

Mr. S.S.Pakale for the Petitioners.

Mr. A.M.Joshi for Respondent Nos.1 to 3.

Mr. A.A.Dube for Respondent No.4.

CORAM : S. RADHAKRISHNAN &

S. A. BOBDE, JJ.

DATED : 4TH OCTOBER, 2004.

P.C.:

Heard the learned Counsel for the Petitioners and Respondents.

2. The dispute involved in this writ petition is with regard to the regularisation of certain casual labours, who appear to have been employed through contract labourer. Under these circumstances, after hearing the parties at some length, in view of the judgment of the Supreme Court in **Steel Authority of**

India Limited case reported in (2001) 7 SCC 1, the learned Counsel for the Petitioners seeks leave to withdraw the petition with liberty to approach the Appropriate Authority under the Union of India under Section 10D of the Industrial Disputes Act by an appropriate representation for regularisation within a period of eight weeks. If such a representation is made within a period of eight weeks by the Petitioners, the Appropriate Authority shall take an appropriate decision thereon within a period of eight weeks thereafter. If a reference is made, the petitioners are at liberty to take out an appropriate application before the concerned Tribunal.

3. Writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn with the liberty as aforesaid.

4. Parties to maintain status quo as of today with regard to the employment of the Petitioners till the decision is taken by the Appropriate Authority.

(S. RADHAKRISHNAN,J.)

(**S. A. BOBDE, J.**)